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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents September 27, 2006 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An Appendix is attached following the signature page of this paper.